Thursday 23rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Maths Challenge**
Last week 18 brave Mathematicians from Years 5 and 6 took on the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a nationally run competition which tests children on their problem solving and reasoning skills. It is a very demanding test and the children all tried their best and performed admirably. One question was so difficult Mr O’Brien and Mr van Straaten could not find the answer! Krish was the top scorer with a credible 20/25. The list of certifications is as follows:

- **Gold:** Krish
- **Silver:** Yumna, Shagiththi, Terin and Dhruv
- **Bronze:** Vicky, Ema and Banshri

**Children in Need**
We are delighted to inform you that we raised £232.72 for Children In Need. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

**Holywell Choirs**
The Holywell Choirs will be performing Christmas tunes and carols on Wednesday 13th December 2017 in the Olympic Hall between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. There will be singing and some instrumental performance also! Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy the festivity!

**NSPCC – Speak out. Stay safe**
On Monday 20th November 2017 the NSPCC came into school to deliver assemblies on their “Speak out. Stay Safe” campaign. This will be followed next Monday 27th November 2017 with workshops. Full details of these visits were sent out on a letter last week.

**Attendance**
We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise extended leave over the Christmas period. Any leave taken will be unauthorised and could result in a fine from Hertfordshire County Council.
Reception – September 2018 – Open Days
On Wednesday we held our first Open Day for parents of children born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014 due to join Reception in September 2018. If you were unable to make this day please join us for our second Open Day on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

The on line application system at Hertfordshire County Council is currently open and the last day to apply for a place for September is 15th January 2018. All places will be allocated on 16th April 2018.

http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Don’t forget – children in our Nursery do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception. You will need to apply via Hertfordshire County Council.

Nursery – September 2018 – Open Days
Do you have a child born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/15? If so they are eligible for a Nursery place from 1st September 2018.

We would like to invite you to join us at one of our Open Days on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 9:30am or Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 2:00pm. At this time we will supply you with information on the different hours we are able to offer - 15 hours per week, 30 hours free Nursery care to children that meet the criteria and 30 hour Wrap Around Care.

Following changes at Hertfordshire County Council, schools with Nurseries are now responsible for their own admission arrangements. Parents wishing to apply for a Nursery place at our school will need to fill in the application form which will be available shortly. Applications close on Friday 23rd February 2018 at 9:00am and offer letters will be posted out on Monday 5th March 2018 (2nd class). The deadline to accept a place and return paperwork to school will be Friday 23rd March 2018 at 9:00am.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 23rd November 2017
Congratulation to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

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Christmas Fete
Today was non-uniform day to raise funds for the Christmas Fete. Thank you to all the parents who sent their children in with bottles and jars for the tombola.

Next week, Thursday 30th November 2017 we would like your child to bring in prizes for the raffle. Chocolate, biscuits, toiletries, and ‘nearly-new items’ like toys, teddys, books’ etc.

Christmas Dinner
If you require your child to have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December 2017 don’t forget to complete and return the form by next Monday 27th November 2017.

Croxley Danes School
Croxley Danes School is consulting on their admissions arrangements for 2019-20. In accordance with the Admissions Code, they are obliged to consult widely with parents. To this end, they have asked that we share the following information with you.

Hertfordshire County Council is co-ordinating the consultation process for a number of local schools. The proposed admission arrangements for 2019/20 are available on their website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019

Croxley Danes School is consulting over minimal changes: they have altered the wording of 2 oversubscription criteria and changed the priority of siblings to be consistent with St Clement Danes School.

The consultation period is for 6 weeks between 20 November 2017 and 5 January 2018 and responses should be sent direct to us at the following address:

Admissions Consultation
Croxley Danes School
c/o St Clement Danes School
Chenies Road
Chorleywood
Herts
WD3 6EW

Speed Stacking
On Tuesday 21st November 2017, children from Year 3 and Year 4 represented Holywell Primary School at an event organised by the School Sports Partnership in Queens School. Well done to Noran, Werfaan, Lily May, Ayodeji, Ocean, Silvia, Liliana, Frank, Jayden, Thabo, Nana and Cameron.
Friday Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

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Parent Information Sessions – Autumn Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

**Where:** Holywell conference room

**When:** Tuesday 9:00am

**Who:** Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

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| 28th November 2017| **Reading – Key Stage 1**
Understanding how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home. | Mrs T Keshiro       |
| 5th December 2017 | **Developing your child’s self-esteem**
How to promote your child’s self-esteem and how to recognise possible low self-esteem | Sam Ward            |
| 12th December 2017| **Reading – Key Stage 2**
Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home. | Mrs S Alexander     |

Parent Information Sessions – Spring Term:

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| 16th January 2018  | **Communication**
Tips on listening skills                         | Sam Ward            |
| 24th January 2018  | **Reading at home – Bug Club**
Accessing Bug Club at home and its benefits to reading with your child | Mrs S Alexander     |
| 31st January 2018  | **Quality time activities**
Rainy day activities (low/no cost)                | Sam Ward            |
| 6th February 2018  | **Cyber Safety**
A guide on keeping children safe online. (What apps to be aware of) | Sam Ward and Miss L Rogers |
Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER 2017

Friday 24th November 2017 – Occasional Day – School Closed
Thursday 30th November 2017 – Non Uniform Day – Please send in prizes for Christmas Raffle
Thursday 30th November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming

DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday 6th December 2017 – Open Day for Reception 2018
Thursday 7th December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
Thursday 14th December 2017 – Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9:30am
Thursday 14th December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
Thursday 14th December 2017 – Christmas Fair at 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 15th December 2017 – Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 10:00am
Friday 15th December 2017 – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Friday 15th December 2017 – Year 6 – St Paul’s Cathedral
Monday 18th December 2017 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Production at 5:30pm
Tuesday 19th December 2017 – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm

Attendance
Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 93%

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Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class Charter certificate Star learner of the week award
Red Base Iris Kamal
Green Base Hamilton Ralhan
Blue Base - - Mulberry
Sycamore - - Rowan
Maple Anushka JJ Cedar
Oak Malwina Kiera Ash
Hawthorn Lorenzo Charlie Elder
Hazel Shaya-Mae And Chestnut
Willow Simone Luis Birch
Beech Cameron Lilly Elm

Attendance: Sycamore
Punctuality: Hazel & Willow

KS1 Mulberry
KS2 Mulberry